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HEAR YE!

The annual Dinner Meeting celebrating the 25th year of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, will be held on October 14th, 1972 at the Twin Bridges Marriott Hotel, Washington D.C. Our guest speaker will be the Hon. Dean Burch, Chairman of the F.C.C. We can expect some of the latest information from Mr. Burch. There will be some surprises also. Send in for ticket reservations as soon as possible, not later than October 11th. We expect many of our charter members to attend, and possibly they will give us some anecdotes of that first meeting in 1947.

Regarding emergency frequencies for members of QCWA. Our present chapter meetings on the air and the National Frequencies of 7045kHz and 21445kHz should be used in any emergency. When an emergency occurs all members who are able should get on either their chapter frequency or the National frequencies, depending on where the emergency is located. W2JE the executive secretary can be found on 14312kHz every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 AM eastern time. Any member can call in and have a chat with him.

We have signed up another husband and wife team. ESQBO John Stuewe and Esther W5ATB. John got his license in 1936 and Esther got hers 11 years later. Both have advanced tickets and are members of the Michigan chapter.

We never hear from W8LIX anymore, she was the first WYL to join QCWA in 1954.

The Norcal Chapter annual picnic is to be held at the QTH of Walter Cooper, W6CDJ, 165 Josselyn Lane, Woodside, Calif., on October 1st.

If you see someone without a smile give him yours.

The yearbook has been mailed, however, we have received many that could not be delivered. Members who have not received their yearbook write to Headquarters Box 394 Mamaroneck, NY and let us know. We will put a tracer on it. We have a few returned without the new address.

50-YEARS IN AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS - Many QCWA members are not certain of the manner in which the 50-year certificates are awarded by QCWA. We believe a history of the award might be in order at this time. The Awards were begun as part of a joint effort of several organizations to honor the Pioneers in Amateur Radio who were licensed in 1912, and in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Amateur Radio. A Committee was chosen from AFCEA, QCWA, ARRL, HARC, IRE, RCA, and SSBARA, to arrange Anniversary Activities and to certify those who had received their license in the year 1912. Eight of the Committee were QCWA members - John DiBlasi, W2FX, David Talley, W2PF, Fred Huff, W2AMB, John Huntoon, W1LVQ, Morton Kahn, W2KR, George Bailey, W2KH, George Burghard, W2GEC and Irving Binger, W2CMM. On October 13, 1962 a Banquet Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Amateur Radio was held by the Hudson Amateur Radio Council. Presentation of 50-year awards was made a part of the ceremonies, with Herbert Hoover Jr., W6ZH making the presentations. The Committee had certified 72 amateurs for the 50-year awards and of these, 37 were QCWA members. Those in attendance who received their awards from W6ZH were: W1AE, W2BO, K2CR, W2EC, W2EG, W2FG, K2HB, W2LP, W2MDB, W2PC, W2WX, W2YQ, W2ZM, W3IU, W8DG and OA4J.

In September, 1963 QCWA announced that it would continue to offer a 50-year certificate to those amateurs who were, or would become eligible for the award. Ralph Barber, W2ZM issued the announcement as follows: "If you originally received your Amateur License in the years 1912, 1913 or 1914 please so advise the Executive Secretary. To be eligible you must submit the original or attested copy of the US Dept of Commerce Operator or Station License issued. In addition you must prove your current Amateur License is valid. In cases where the original license has been lost, the presence of your name and call letters in the US Govt Callbooks will be considered as a satisfactory proof." Please Note that: In all cases, the award is given for AMATEUR RADIO and the first possible year is 1912! It is not required that you have held a license continuously for 50 years.

There have been no official changes in the rules since 1963. QCWA has issued 50 year awards at odd intervals to assist local Chapters in honoring a special member, or when a member is gravely ill. It is usual for Certificates to be issued about October 1 of each year. Applications for the award are accepted from January 1 to September 1 of each year for that year. For instance, if you first appear in the callbook in 1923 you should make application as soon as possible after January 1, 1973. If you have a license showing November, 1923 you should still make application after January 1, 1973.

It is obvious that we will accept callbooks other than Government which were discontinued in 1932. The intent will always be the same to protect the integrity of the award. Remember: the essential requirements are: You must have been licensed at least 50 years ago and that you must be licensed at the time of your application - it is not necessary that you have been licensed the entire time. You must supply documented proof of your eligibility and the first year possible is 1912! You may obtain a free copy of the callbook page showing your first call listing from W5EJ free for the request.

At this time, if you were licensed in any of the years 1912 through 1922 you are eligible for the award. Check up and make Application now if you are eligible and try to attend the Washington Annual meeting to have your award presented by President Barry Goldwater!

AMATEUR RESPONSIBILITY - AN EDITORIAL:

As a QCHA member and one of a distinguished group of pioneers in the ranks of Amateur Radio I would request that you pause to consider how we might improve our "image" to other amateurs and the Public! Listening to, and participating in many net operations, we have the following observations about general operations which apply to all amateurs, not only we old-timers:

1. We use too much power
2. We tend to over-modulate
3. We get a little too baudy - too many "Hells, Damns, etc."
4. We old-timers must avoid giving the impression that we think we're special.

Other points may require discussion, but taking those above we want to comment as follows: (1) We use too much power - as old timers we should recognize that a 40 over 9 signal report is not complimentary to us, and that we should apologize and reduce power thus lowering interference to others. (2) I note that many of us overmodulate. A properly operating SSB signal is a beautiful thing - overmodulation is a curse..reduce your drive as much as possible, and thank the Amateur who tells you your signal seems broad - consider he might just be right. (3) Steer clear of the Clever-off-color jokes that seem so prevalent now - we old timers sort of feel like that since everyone knows we've had it, that such jokes are just cute. They are, but not on the air! Don't curse, and if a damn or hell slips in accidentally have the grace to apologize. (4) It is well to remember that we are not entitled to special treatment - that even if we have operated on our special frequency since 1903, we have no right to it - this is true whether your net operation is the "eye-bank", the Missionary Net or any other - except in special emergency situations no one has priority on any frequency - and at worst the one who QRM's you is lacking in courtesy. If they will not move without protest just move away from them.

As old-timers, we can remember years ago when we were experimenters, advancing our knowledge and the "Art" and actively contributing to basic knowledge. We were training ourselves to be good operators and radiomen, capable of servicing our country in an emergency - and many of us did service in several wars! These days are different - our equipment is mainly manufactured, as are our antennas - Most of us are no longer able to advance knowledge in Communications, and as operators - "we've had it" - consequently we should seek those areas where we can make ourselves useful and thus insure that we are currently earning the right to use the frequencies we have. In this connection we might lend our help, advice and prestige to those who actively work in training younger Amateurs for emergency operation. Each section of the country should have several groups of trained men who are capable of responding to an emergency in a sensible and disciplined basis - knowing when and how to operate under emergency conditions, and having equipment capable of satisfactory operation in emergencies without dependence on outside facilities. May we urge you to participate, actively, if your health permits, but in any case by encouraging younger Amateurs, who have strong backs, in such work. Show your concern for preparedness, lend the dignity of your years in Amateur Radio in support of respect for the laws that allow us to enjoy our Hobby - you can help in this important work - please consider doing everything you can!

W5EJ, August, 1972

Sydney Australia Chapter - Pierce Healy, VK2APQ - sends in a nice letter outlining activities "down under" - and it appears that the boys there are active indeed, meeting monthly. Pierce reported that Loren Windom, W8GZ and his wife took part in one meeting. Other items of interest were an inspection of the Australian Post Office Monitoring Station which featured a talk on the functions and purposes of the station by a Senior Officer of the Radio Branch of the Postmaster General's Department. One meeting featured inspection of the Overseas Telecommunication Commission Receiving Station with its acres of Rhombic Antennas - Log periodic antennas and beautiful receivers. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 5, 1972 - and as always, the VK Chapter invites any QCWA members who might be in Australia at that time, to participate.

Barry Goldwater, QCWA President - reports that he has received some mail regarding the desirability of establishing a QCWA net - Upon digging a little it seems that those who wrote in are fairly agreed that another "Net" is not desired, but that we establish an agreed on "Calling Frequency" so that you could call CQ QCWA and reasonably expect a QCWA member to answer. Your editorial staff has considered this somewhat and agree that such a series of frequencies would be desirable. Accordingly we are making the following suggestion, which is just a suggestion at this time - that we use frequencies with the suffix 47 (our year of origin) and so set the following frequencies as standard QCWA call frequencies: 3847 - 7247 - 14247 - 21347 kHz. Repeating - we would expect that these frequencies would be used for calling, and that members might move off, as QRM or other need seem to indicate. However, whenever a QCWA member is simply guarding a frequency, these would be the ones he would be listening on. Your comments are requested - to save we would suggest that you send your comments to W2JE or W5EJ rather than to Senator Goldwater. We'll get them together and pass the information on to Barry for his final thoughts. As suggested previously, we are including information on various QCWA Nets as now functioning throughout the country in this issue.

Central New York Chapter - Maurice E. Cox, W2ARZ - issued a fine June Newsletter for the Chapter. The Western New York Hamfest held in Rochester brought together many old friends. Maurice wanted to thank Dave Geiser, WA2ARU, Chairman of the Mohawk Valley Chapter for his work hosting the combined meeting of the Mohawk Valley, Finger-Lakes and Central New York Chapters, and especially for obtaining Fred Miller, W2WED as Guest Speaker. Fred is a field engineer for General Electric and his topic was "25 years of TVI Prevention." Others who helped so much were Bert Martin, K2LBB, John Jeffords, W2WS and Al Battison, W2IEG. Representatives of each of the Chapters gave a short talk on their activities and a Plaque was presented to Sid Tritsch, W2NFU in recognition of his loyalty to Net-control duty for the QCWA on-the-air meeting for the Central New York Chapter. Maurice had a hectic time following the Hamfest - he had no sooner gone back to Pittsburgh, on job assignment than his son announced he was getting married - so a quick trip back to Endwell - not much sooner than getting that taken care of and back to Pittsburgh than it is the Son's graduation from St Bonaventure and so back home again - well, if the car holds up Maurice should be getting back to normal in time for snow shoveling!



Chairman Maurice Cox, W2ARZ
Caught making arrangements in
the Banquet room at the
Johnson City Hamfest. 1972

Photo by W2QLI.



Sid Trisch, W2NFU and Xyl at the Johnson City Hamfest.
Sid is former Chairman of the Central New York Chapter and
Net Control Station for the Central New York Chapter.



Bert Martin, K2LBB and XYI at the Johnson City Hamfest -
Bert was Central New York Chapter Chairman during 1971.

Northern California Chapter - Russ Estep, W6AUC - provided a copy of the fine Chapter newsletter. Steve Cerwin, K6QJO, Chapter Chm., announced the Fall Picnic would be held at Walt Cooper's "Aching Acres" picnic grounds. Walt, W6CDJ, should be able to provide us with a good story about the name! The picnic will be held October 1 with maps and radio directions available to help those who need it to arrive on time. The Chapter has been agonizing on whether to move the SSB net below 3900 kHz, on one hand it would be nice to get into a little less QRM, and other hand says we'd lose a few who couldn't operate in that band. The decision will be up to the members! It was announced that nominations for Board Members would be coming up soon. The following old-timers received their 50-year awards, most of which were signed by Barry Goldwater - Thorn Mayes, W6AX; Pete Peterson, W6OJU; Norvell Canfield, W6KKF; John Hubbell, W6ANR; Ed McLean, K6UR; Russ Winenow, W6AVG; and Chuck Pope, K6KF. New members in the Chapter are: Richard Lake, W6BV; W. A. Letcher, Jr., W6HMM; Guy Migliori, W6GND; Al Woolf, W6SFP and Alden Chace, W6BBW. Welcome to NORCAL QCHA? It is noted that Mas Takata, K6PIH has a new call - W6BJB! The Chapter announces that George Clough, W6MCF of Chester, California is now a Silent Key. A last, but very important announcement - Chapter dues are due!

Southern California Chapter - Bob Killion, W6PG - writes a very fine up to the minute letter on news from the SOCAL Chapter. Bob reports that the Annual Spring Dinner Meeting at Rudi's Italian Restaurant in LA was attended by 134 members and Guests. Entertainment was by Rick Killion whose magic act left everyone convinced that Magic is not an act! Net participation certificates were given to 38 members of the SSB net, and 12 members of the CW net. The Chapter presented 50-year Certificates to Judge James H. Brown, W6VH; Cal Smith, W6BRD; Claire Henkle, W6BZF; Bob Cook, W6MY and Jack Clement, W6NTR. Three members not present at the meeting were sent their certificates - Graham Maconomy, W6BUX; Elliott Jackson, K6QI; and Sam Luitwieler, K6CW. The Editorial Staff here wants to say that we did not mention that Herb Becker, W6QD received his 50-year Certificate some time ago - and mention was left out of the news due to poor planning - It has occurred to us that it might be nice for each Chapter to forward a list of members each year for publication. Chapter activities have included a visit to Mt. Wilson to inspect the TV facilities of KABC-TV and KNBC-TV. The trip was sponsored by OOTC and Hosted by W6MAB, John Stagnaro, Chief Engineer of Ch. 7. Morton Brewer, W6JU, Chief Engineer of Ch. 4 assisted in the trip. Don Wallace, W6AM held open house at his Rhombic farm for G2FDF with ten members of the SoCal Chapter attending - Harry Gartsman, W6ATC took part in that trip. The Annual Fall Dinner Meeting will be held October 14, 1972 at the Petroleum Club at Long Beach...200 hundred are expected to attend and the cuat are \$6. Don't wait too long to make your reservation..

Note: (via radio from W7HS) We have received word that Hal T. Yost, K6IY has suffered a very severe illness and is on the Critical List. All of his friends are praying that he recovers and is OK by the time he has a chance to read this note.

The West Coast boys want to thank QCHA and Gus Gironda for the fine 1972-1973 yearbook which is in nearly everyones hands at this time. It was a good job - and we all appreciate the work involved!



Members of the Southern California Chapter who were Awarded their 50-year Certificates at the Dinner Meeting April 22, 1972

L to R, Front Row - Judge James H. Brown, W6VH; Cal Smith, W6BRD; Claire Henkle, W6KMF. Back Row - Bob Cook, W6WV; and Jack Clement, W6NTR. Photo by Dr. Mert Moser, W6HS



Officers of the Southern California Chapter, April 22, 1972

L to R, Front Row - John Stagnaro, W6TAB, Vice President; Bob Killian, W6PG, Secretary-Treasurer; and Herb Glead, W6FQ, SSB Net Control. Back Row - Forrest Barr, K6BV, Immediate Past President; Bert Ayers, W6CL, Historian; and Norm Henkel, K6BA, President and CW Net Control. Photo by Dr. Moser, W6HS

Houston Chapter - Monte Montemayor, W5YZ - publishes a fine news letter on Houston Activities, and recently has begun to issue new membership cards to all who pay the Chapter dues, which are due! The Dallas Chapter has accused Monte of waiting to see the Dallas Chapter membership cards and then printing some that are better looking! Houston Chapter meets regularly, each month, with good turnouts. Another nice activity is the QSL board - set up at each meeting, with 32 cards on it at present - a nice reminder of those who are not in attendance. The Chapter is blessed with a good, extra good photographer, W5YZ, and you can see evidence of his work on a separate page herein.

Washington Chapter - S. F. Brigham, W3TFA - The Washington Chapter held its second quarterly meeting on June 29, 1972 at the auditorium of the Perpetual Bank Building in Bethesda. Minutes of the December meeting were read and the Chapter was put on notice that it was time to begin planning on the next Annual Banquet. In past years W3RE and K3AC have carried the organizational load for these successful meetings - both Robbie and Mac are now retired and others will have to pick up the load - your help is needed, so please volunteer. In connection with the emergency operation carried out during the recent flood exposure in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia (See the editorial this issue) it appears that some of the cool-headed experience we old-timers is needed to assist in the training and equipping of emergency corps for each area of the USA. It appears that Amateurs were too confused and in cases so discourteous that emergency work was almost non-existent in the communications department. Colonel Van, W3ECP said that conditions were "deplorable." The June meeting was lightly attended - mainly on account of miserable weather conditions and secondarily because of vacation season. The meeting featured Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC, who is manager of NASA's Satellite Tracking Station in Madagascar. He provided pictures and a delightful narration covering that far-off part of the world.

Chicago Chapter - Moe, W9BOX and George, W9FFD - Activity has begun to get the Chicago chapter going again. With such an area of Pioneers to draw from, a goodly number of members ought to be available to get the Chapter rolling again. Please contact either of the above boys and see if you can't help in organizational work. It is a darn shame that Chicago isn't active with its own Chapter.

Northwest Chapter - Doctor Spike, W7OS - wrote to let us know of new officers elected at the Convention held June 11, 12 and 13, 1972 at Victoria, B. C. Roy J. Devish, W7AZI was elected Chairman; W7PN was elected Secretary with W7PEA elected Vice Chairman. Committees and appointments will be announced soon. All on the air nets and other activities were suspended until the weekend after Labor Day. The next annual meeting will be held in Seattle on June, 1973 - so watch for future announcements on this. The Chapter was sad to announce the passing of Claude D. Grow, W7AS - Claude had assisted in the formation of the Northwest Chapter. Ray Runnells, W7LQ is recovering from surgery and a heart condition and was able to attend the Victoria meeting. We received a short note from Hal, W7PN in which he mentioned that the boys had worked pretty hard to get a Low Power Contest going. It appears that The Northwest Chapter boys would like to sponsor a contest featuring low-power battery operated

equipment. The program would be in the interest of low-power and aimed to encourage such equipment being built and maintained for instant use in emergency communications. This would seem like a good legitimate cause, and worthy of the support of all QCWA members. We have many contests at this time (not QCWA) which all seem to fill the bands with QRM - certain a low-power contest (5 watts or under) will not fall in this category, and would encourage the use and maintenance of low power gear which could be pressed into operation in just a few minutes, when needed. Those who believe in this type of thing may write to KL7DG or to W5EJ. If we get a reasonable response we will pass along the information and the proposed rules for the contest.

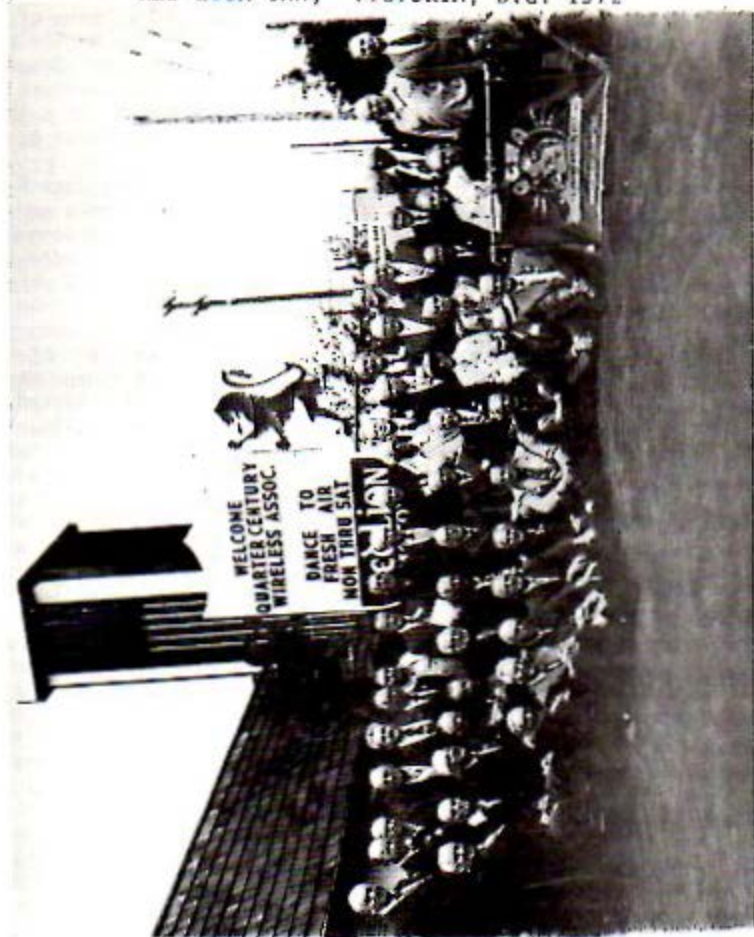
San Diego Chapter - Romeo Bilodeau, K6PM - obviously not yet completely recovered from a trip to the Mexican National Convention of Radio Experimentor held at La Paz June 1 through June 4, Romeo sent a short note indicating that the May 10th Dinner of the San Diego Chapter was the best ever - 50-year certificates were given to Arlie Prather, W6GMY and Warren Rogers, K6JP. A picture of these fine gentlemen appears elsewhere. Boy- the Dog-Daze are really with us - not much news and not much activity this summer!

Mamaroneck, New York - W5EJ - visited Gus and Francis in their nice home about the 10th of July. It was a revelation to see the inner-sanctum, where QCWA is administered. Gus met me at the outskirts of town, having informed me that it would be no trouble to get to Mamaroneck from the Jersey Meadows...well, it was some small trouble, let me tell you - George Washington Bridge on the east end is not meant to quiet the nerves of a Texas farm-boy...but with a few wrong turns, stops, and patient eastern filling station attendants we were able to finally find a sign pointing to Mamaroneck - a fine and beautiful harbour town. Gus and I had a nice two or three hour visit with Francis bringing us refreshment every little while. Gus had just finished collating the 1972-1973 Roster, and taken it to the Bindery...what a mammoth job it was and how much it is taken for granted! Gus and Francis are visiting their Son and family in California right now - and a well earned vacation it is indeed. I want to public thank them both for a nice visit which I will long remember - PS: going home Gus started me out on a better route. I went across the Tappan Zee bridge to hit the Garden State Freeway - the Hudson River is 2 miles wide at that point - it was a nice trip home with no incidents!

Dayton-Cincinnati Chapter - Frank Schwab, W8OK - reported on the Spring Dinner Meeting of the Chapter held March 23 at the Peerless Hill Inn in Miamisburg, Ohio. 41 members and guests were on hand for a fine meeting featuring an illustrated talk by Paul Logus of Wright-Patterson AFB. Paul spoke on Satellite Communication and Navigation - boy, that's pretty heavy going, but should have been most interesting. George Hart, W1NJK and Bob Booth, W3PS were also present and brought everyone up to date on happenings in Amateur Radio. A picture of the group is presented elsewhere in this issue of the News. Send more dope Frank - it's always a pleasure to hear from the Buckeye State.

Gus says to check your I.D. card - if it expires on December 31, 1972 its time to send \$7 for the next three years dues? Do it while youre thinking about it!

NORTHWEST CHAPTER DINNER MEETING
RED LION INN, VICTORIA, B.C. 1972



First Row L-R

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Second Row L-R

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W7DG W7BV W7LQ W7BCT W7LT

Third Row L-R

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W7CWN VE7SM VE7IL VE7KZ W7BLX W7HF W7BNG W7NC W7IC VE7KC

Fourth Row L-R

W1FB/K7FB KL7DG/7 W7DRD W7JY

The chapter listed their names, however, space is limited
this issue and they were not listed here.

Pete Peterson, W2MPS wrote a little story of days long past - thought you'd all like to hear it!

"During the middle 1940's, many of the law enforcement agencies used a six foot steel whip for mobile operation around 30 MHz and often times a ham operating the 10-meter band was mistaken for an unmarked police car. Mobile operators of those years can remember looking in the rear-view mirror at a long string of cars behind you-each one unwilling to be the first to pass.

One warm summer day Pete drove over to Brooklyn visiting Jack Babkes, W2GDG (2121). While parked at Jay Street and Myrtle Avenue we noticed a uniformed patrolman giving us a fishy stare. Walking over to our car he demanded to know what we were doing with a radio in the car. We explained we were operating amateur mobile and were talking to a radio ham in Texas. 'You guys sound like a couple of nuts or spies to me' he replied. After examining our licenses he said, 'you guys sit right here, while I go talk to me precinct Capt'n about this.' After talking to the Captain he returned to our car and asked, 'Is this that long-short wave stuff?' Jack and I looked at each other and in unison answered, 'Yep.' The policeman said, 'well it's OK because my Captain knows all about that electricity stuff and he said it's OK to use it in Brooklyn.' This incident would have completed the day, but even a better happening occurred that same afternoon. On the way back to Jersey, driving over the Pulaski Skyway between Jersey City and Newark I was observed by a radio car talking over a mike. Stopping me, he wanted to know what I was doing talking 'on that thing,' while in Jersey City. I explained that I was a licensed radio ham and FCC regulations permitted me to operate a two-way radio in my car. 'Oh yeah, well let's see your driver license, registration and that ther license too.' After looking at the FCC ticket he asked, 'Who's this guy Slowie?' I explained to him that Mr. Slowie was the Secretary of the FCC and signed all licenses. Well, he answered, 'you can't use this license in Jersey City cause it ain't signed by Mayor Hague.' I suggested he radio his dispatcher or someone else in the Police Department and verify what I had told him. When he returned to my car he said, 'It's OK buddy, our Sergeant says he is one of you guys too, and to let you go.' 'But' he said, 'don't let my lieutenant catch you using that thing because he don't like my Sergeant or you ham guys no how, so get going and don't let me catch you around here again, cuz I don't want no trouble with my Lieutenant.' Those were the good old days .. always a laugh!"

Since we're into the story business now, here's another from Jim Bates, W2QLI. We understand that Jim is talking about a good QCWA member who is late for an appointment, and to top off his troubles he gets a flat tire - here's Jim's story..."This good man gets out of his car and gets the jack, takes the hub caps off and then gets the wrench and takes the caps nuts off to remove the wheel - he put the nuts in the hub-cap, and inadvertently licked the hub-cap and all of the nuts spilled down into a sewer pipe. The QCWA member is cussing up a storm when he happens to look up and see a man inside the fence of a Large Mental Institution opposite where he was stopped. The man asked, 'Having trouble?' The QCWA member explained that he had lost the wheel nuts. The institution member said, 'why don't you take one nut off the other three wheels and use them to hold the 4th wheel on temporarily until you can get new nuts?' Well, this nearly floored our QCWA member who said, 'Say, that's a

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W7JGN	Art King, 15322 Pacific Ave, Tacoma, WA	98444
W7JEA	R. A. LaRue, Box 96 Cave Creek, AZ	85531
W7KNH	J. M. Gates, 3025 E. 2d St, Tucson, AZ	85716
W7LGN	H. Cahn, 4002 N. 38th St, Tacoma, WA	98407
W9YFK	G. J. Fedder, 1105 Riverside Dr, Shawano, WI	54166
W9MDEA	N. H. Collins, 10353 E. 75th Ave., Arvada, CO	80005
VE2TX	P. Levenspiel, Box 111 Wyong, NSE Australia	2259
W7KX	S. H. Kenyon, 2516 N. 50th St, Phoenix, AZ	85008

LEFT MEMBERS SINCE MAY 1

W1TTC	W1UJ	W2SNJ	W2VLE	W3LDS	W3VAN	W4CC	W4ID
W4BL	W5EXI	W5LUX	W5UP	W6AMC	W6NLZ	W6VH	W6ZRE
W7JGN	W7JEA	W8LF	W9GK	W9QN	and	VE2VP	

SILENT KEYS MAY TO AUGUST

W1KBL	Earl L. La Marche	W6IIV	George D. Lowe
W1QG	John F. Ireland	W7AS	Claude D. Grow
K2IU	J. Willard Wolfe	W7CPE	Jack M. Moore
W2NR	Clarence O. Aber	W7EOP	M. S. Sullivan
W3DAP	Geo. E. Marshall	W8ES	H. J. Nafzger
W4MRH	Vincent J. Vastano	W8GK	R. S. Shoup
W4OP	Harold E. Wilcox	W8CJA	C. A. Froebel
W5AMO	Jos. G. Morgan	W8CXB	W. S. Shannon
W5SY	Dave Ablowich Jr	K8SGK	B. V. Eckholm
W6BBC	A. C. Aulwurm	VE3EB	R. M. Brophy

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Make the following corrections to 1972-73 callbook(QCWA)
 ADD: W1BLR/W4GNS, Don H. Shulkey, Box 192, Gilmanston, NH
 WB4RMP R.G.Sidnell, 845 SE 22 Av., Pompano Bch, FL
 W1KR R. G. Sidnell, 66 Denton RD W. Wellesley, MA

New Calls: WB6KMF now K6WV; W6CXC now W6CK;
 Corrections; See Page 74 correct W6UPB to W6UBP; Page 60
 correct W6AGH to W6AHG; See page 69 correct W6MB to K6MB;

More new calls: WB6JJN now W6OHS; W6UAB now W7YJ; W6CZP now
 K6WM; W6BF now W7YP

The following are life members correct call book to indicate
 LIFE; W2DVC W2WCL WA4JSP W4YPA K5IX K6JI W6OGR W7QAN
 W9GSB and WA0LLC

The following members are 50 year members indicate with +
 W2BO W6ISZ W6RT W7C5 K4OL and OA4J

See page 1 Central NY Chapter change to Binghamton; See
 Page 2 correct name W2RB to Reuman

W2ELN sends the following rib ticklers; the boss left a
 long handwritten draft on the desk of the lovely new
 typist. He attached a memo reading; "Please prepare for
 submission". When he came back from lunch, the memo was
 back on his desk. Written in lipstick on the bottom was the
 single word "WHEN"

A witness answering the prosecutor's questions with, "Well
 I think..." "Don't think," interrupted the crusading lawyer,
 "Tell us what you know, not what you think" "Well I'm not a
 lawyer," she shot back, "I can't talk without thinking"

NOTE NOTE NOTE: SEE JUNE ISSUE OF QCWA NEWS FOR FORM TO
 MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR THE OCTOBER 14th 1972 ANNUAL DINNER
 MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE MARRIOTT (TWIN BRIDGES) MOTEL
 in Washington, D.C.

great idea - how come they have a smart guy like you in there?' The inmate replied, 'Well, buddy, I'm in here because I'm crazy, not because I'm stupid.'

QCWA Chapter On-the-Air Meetings and Networks

There has been some interest in printing the Net information for the various Chapter meetings across the USA. This information has not been coming in too well, and so we're printing what we have assembled and urge that each Chapter and interested party send us up to date information. We would like the information presented herein, to be corrected and would like to have the Chapters send us the names and call letters of their Officers so that we can have an up to date mailing list.

Chapter Name	Day	Time	Freq.	NCS
Arizona	Sunday	0900	3933	-
Baltimore, Md.	Monday	2100	20650	-
Central New York	Sunday	1030	3917	W2HFU
Caroline	Sunday	1100	7210	W2GK/4
Citrus	Sunday	1000	7254	W4YPA
Akron	Sunday	1230	3987	KBGRD
Delaware Valley	Sunday	0945	3917	W2HX
Finger Lakes	Sunday	0930	3895	-
Houston	Thursday	2000	3876	W5YZ
Michigan	Sunday	0800	3903	W8CAM
New England	Sunday	0845	3917	W1VN
Northwest	Sunday	1500	3955	W7AG
Northern California	Sunday	0900	3950	W6AUC
San Diego	Sunday	1000	3905	K6SQ
Suncoast	Tuesday	1600	3965	-
Tulsa	Sunday	0930	7251	W5FU

There are many other, and we have not included any CW nets, although there are several good ones. If we receive enough up to date information we will publish a complete listing, with CW nets also. Let us know what you think of the listing.

Correction - 1972-1973 Roster. We have received word that one of our good QCWA members was incorrectly listed in the Silent Keys section of the new Roster. Mr. Fred W. Illner, W6MMW, of Van Nuys, California was listed erroneously. It is probable that the listing came from some ones ill-conceived idea of a joke with both QSI and QCWA falling into error. Everyone in QCWA apologizes to Fred. We hope that this incident will set up a system of cross-checking so that it will not happen again. We are suggesting that no one be listed in Silent Keys without receipt of a signed letter from a Local Chapter Official, and that upon receipt of such notice, a card should be transmitted back to the Chapter for confirmation. Please make the following correction in your new Roster:

Page 117, Cross out the listing, W6MMW, Fred W. Illner, 1971

Page 70, We suggest you put the following listing immediately above the listing for W6GKKE...It will not be perfectly in order but close.

W6MMW Fred W. Illner..14615 Hart Street, Van Nuys, California 91405



Warren Rogers, K6JP Arlie Prather, W6GMY
These boys received their 50-year Certificates on May 10,
at the San Diego Chapter Dinner



Of all the QCWA members in Texas probably the best known and most loved is B. B. Thorn, of Cuero, Texas. BB is W5CIX who holds forth on 3835 kHz nearly every night.

Cuero is the home of the best rhubarb pie in the whole world!

pix by W5YZ

Here are two happy boys - caught in a real laugh at the Houston Chapter and HARC old-timers night on May 19, 1972. Buck Crosby, W5YP on the left, and Roy Albright, W5EYS on the right.



New Call Letters and Changes:

<u>Old Call</u>	<u>New Call</u>	<u>Old Call</u>	<u>New Call</u>
K2AC	K4TM	K4HT	W4HT
W2CGD	W71XX	W6FCX	W7HM
W2FAN	K4RX	K6NQ	W7UV
K2FS	K3BV	W6UAB	W7YJ
W2YP	W7UM	W8FJW	K4HFL
W3AXT	W3AX	W401UO	K4GZQ
W3LNW	K3CA	K66AHW	W7IYM
WN6CRD	W6CRD	K4IECR	W5YB

Congratulations to all, and especially to W4HT who definitely had an inside track on that call - and W3AX who was fully paid up at the rectory!

In the June issue of the QCWA News, we mis-named two fine gentlemen in the picture caption on page 11. Charles Lewis, "Buck" is the fourth from the left, standing next to W2JE, and Ed Clammer, W3UN is at the far left. It is obvious that pixie and elfs are running around the editorial room! Please accept our apologies - but it couldn't have happened to two more handsome men.

Dallas Chapter - Barney Moffatt, W5CJZ - speaks for all Dallas Chapter members in expressing our sorrow at the loss of three old and valued friends in the time since our last newsletter. Bob Stark, W5OLG of Grapevine, Texas passed away this spring...bob was a personal friend of nearly 40 years and will be missed very much by a multitude of friends across the world - he was at the top in Countries worked and confirmed. Then we lost Dave Ablowich, Jr., W5SY of Terrell, Texas. Dave had been working for the FCC for many years, and was a fine engineer, and personally like by all who had to pleasure to know him. And only this past month we lost one of our Chapter Founders, J. B. McHale (Mac), W5JQY, of Dallas, Tx. Mac was a true Texan - a Gentleman and a good pal. Always with a Texas size-sense of humor. Mac had been in the Contracting business for many years and had retired only a few years previously. We will continue in our QCWA activities here, but with a fine remembrance of old friends.

Gerald M. Howard, W5KM of Dallas has worked for the FCC for the past 32 years. On June 23 he retired for active direction of the Field Engineering Office of the FCC in Dallas. He had been Engineer in Charge for the past 17 years. Gus is well known throughout the entire country - and many a young ham has a soft place in his heart for Gus' sincere interest and help to calm a nervous fist when taking the exam! On behalf of many people may we wish Gus a happy and fruitful retirement! PS - we understand Gus may go into a private consulting business mainly aimed at helping those in CATV and allied fields.

Athan Cosmas, W2PKD sent in a story concerning the closing down of the last Morse land-line circuit in North America. The Canadian Pacific Telecommunications received the last message from Batiscan, Quebec, a whistle stop on the rail-line. The message almost 128 years later was - "What hath God Wrought." The same message that opened Morse Communications.

DAYTON-CINCINNATI CHAPTER
Dinner Meeting March 23, 1972



Front ROW L-R
 KASPYR Paul Logus Speaker KSDPK WSEH K8OGH K8DBK
 2d row L-R
 KSUJ K8ALK K8FXR W8LK W8WC K8TE K8MLJ K8SUK W8SEL W8ZZZ
 3rd row L-R
 K8ZAD K8TH K8TPC K8DYY K8FJC K8BOJ K8TQL W8ACT K8EX K8TDY
 K8OK W8EYH
 4th row L-R
 K8IPT WINJM W8LEH K8ORI W8DET K8DSR K8THT K8STX

CHAPTER NEWS

EAST TENNESSEE(W4QT) A new chapter has been formed in Tennessee thru the hard work of its new secretary W4QT. A petition has been submitted to QCWA Headquarters for a charter to establish a chapter in Tennessee, with 12 members signing the petition. The Chapter President is W4HHQ and the chapter secretary is W4QT. They tentatively decided to meet twice a year, April and October on the 3rd Saturdays of each month and will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee. Meetings on the air are scheduled each Tuesday at 7:00PM Eastern Time, 3850kHz.

DELAWARE VALLEY (W2HX) 83 members attended the chapters June meeting, which was more or less a rag chew session due to the summer months. Harry McConaghy, W3SW, gave a short talk on the various bills pending at FCC and W3MFY. Pres Funk of the Trevoze Electronics donated a number of fine door prizes. The next chapter meeting will be held at the Buck Hotel, Feasterville, Pa., on Sept 16, at which time the nominating committee will report the slate of Officers to be voted upon at the November 11 meeting for the coming year.

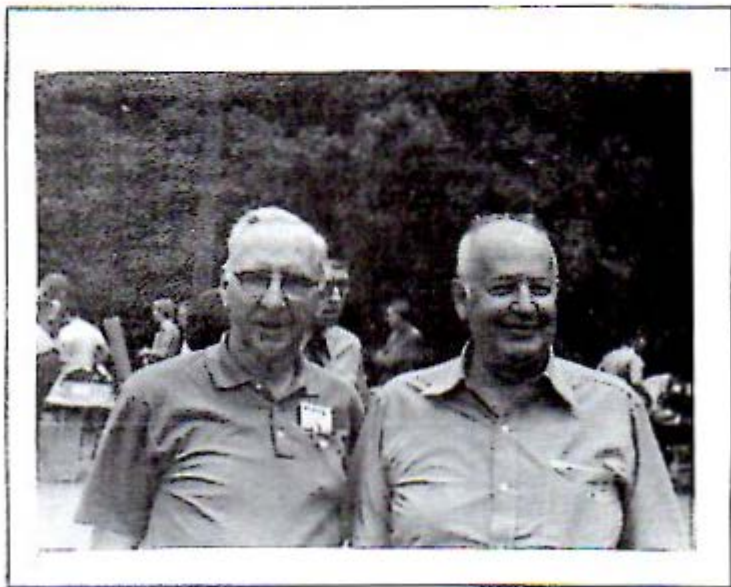
SAN DIEGO(W6RT) The bimonthly meeting normally scheduled for July was not held because of possible poor summer attendance. The next meeting will be the semi-annual Sunday Brunch which is being planned for "Vacation Village" on September 10th. Having used this fine facility on previous occasions, a good turnout is expected. Work continues at the Aero Space Museum in San Diego, where constant improvements and additions to their Antique Wireless display are being carried on. One of the latest attractions is an automatic tape recording. The Recorder is actuated by the visitor or sightseer by pushing a button. The recorder then narrates a two minute story of the radio exhibit and its relationship to the aero space industry. Dr. Carl P. Wiedow WB6RMM, has donated a fine collection of old time wireless and radio engineering books to the museum. These books are dated from 1896 to 1934 and will make a welcome addition to the Aero Space Museum Library.

The 1974 ARRL Southwest Convention will be held in San Diego during the 2d or 3d week in October 1974. Pre-planning is now under way thru the San Diego Amateur Radio Council and several QCWA members are participating.

Col. James P. West (retired) recently returned from Washington where he attended the 50th Anniversary dinner of the U.S. Inter Department Radio Advisory Committee. Col. West while on active duty with the US Air Force was on this committee and was invited to attend and renew old acquaintances. While traveling he was buffeted by the heavy rains and winds of Hurricane Agnes.



It isn't often that we hear from Canadian QCWA members - and never do we get pictures - but here's a nice surprise - a good picture of a real old-timer William Sutton VE7IL of Sidney, B. C. Bill was 2AU in 1919. Incidentally - that "bug" wasn't built in 1971!



Left - W4HHQ President
Right - W4QT Secretary
East Tennessee Chapter



Above is a picture of Charles E. Sener, Jr., W3AL, taken in December, 1914 when Charles, more commonly known as Ed was 13 years old. Ed was first licensed in 1915 and I find him in my 1916 callbook as 3GD at 2706 24th St., NE, Washington, D. C. The equipment is an EI spark coil, a galena detector and an EI loose-coupler.



Fred Crowell, W9H1B wrote a few lines about the old days - he was 9DIP in Des Moines back in the Spark-days.

In typical fashion he did not send a picture of himself, but instead sent a good picture of our President, K7UGA taken at Louisville Graphic Arts Day last year.

Pix by W9H1B

Loren Vaughn, W5RV was awarded the QCWA 50 year Certificate by Paul Crossno, W5HT, Chairman of the Dallas Chapter of QCWA at the March 18, 1972 meeting.

Loren is a member of the Dallas Chapter even though he lives quite a distance southwest of the City. Congratulations!



8VF - Owen W. Barton, now W9IW dropped us a nice letter about the old times, and a picture of 8VF taken in 1921. Owen wonders if any of the gang is stepping around yet, 1RZ, 8ZY, 8WY, 3CC and 9FG. The transmitter was a 1 kW Thordarson...the rotary was activated with one wire lowered down into a crock full of salt water - as the water got hotter and the rotary increased in speed he had to constantly keep pulling the wire up out of the salt solution to keep the synchronous shout that everyone of the old timers wanted so badly.



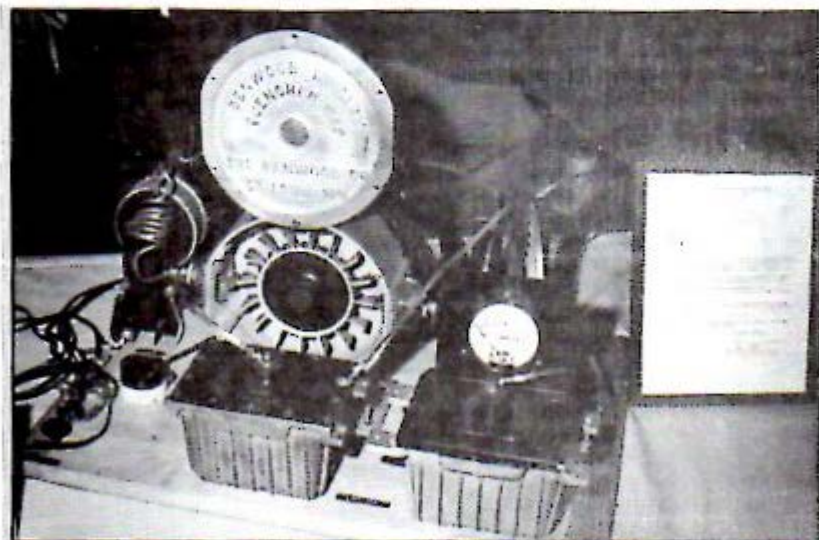
In connection with old-timers - we have a wonderful letter from the Mumford Brothers, W2CU, W3CU and W6CU. It is a long letter detailing much of their early experiences in radio when young lads at home. It will be condensed into a nice QCWA newsletter story one day soon...and in that connection we have an announcement of some interest - - SPECIAL An Antique QSL Card, a replica of the greatest QSO between two great "King Spark" stations of 50 years ago is available if you don't happen to have one of the originals of your own - The replica commemorates the QSO between 5XB, College Station, Texas to 7ZJ, at Vancouver, Washington, across the Rocky Mountains nearly 2000 miles and it well may have been a world's record between two spark stations. For a free copy of the QSL card send a stamped, addressed envelope to the Mumford Brothers, Route 1, Box 397, Annapolis, Maryland, 21401.

It has been announced that Clarence Seid, W2KW, past President and present Director of QCWA has established an Antique Wireless Museum to be located at Radio Hill, North. Clarence is Trustee for the E. A. Thomas (W2HH) memorial station, and any equipment that you can donate will be appreciated. A suitable plaque with the name and call-letters of the Donor will be attached to each gift. Now is the chance to put some of that old gear in a place where it will get care and will be appreciated! Contact W2KW for further information!

Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF wrote a few lines commenting that he had known Uda Ross since 1947, but had never made a radio contact until just a few days ago, and then Uda was in Peru! Ralph is a Charter QCWA member, #23 and is ready for his 50-year award.



Here is the Amateur Wireless Station which was owned by R. P. Thetreau - the time was November, 1916 at 1116 Belvidere Avenue, in Detroit, Michigan. The call letters were "PP". The Receiver consisted of two slide tuning coils, Great Lakes galena detector, plus a Cigar Box receiver with an E.I. Company Galena Detector. The Transmitter was a 1/2-inch spark coil, glass plate condenser, a Bunnell Jove key and Helix. The Headset was an Electro-Set "Red Heads." PP is now a few years older, but a good amateur with the call W8FX. Thanks Tate for the pix and accept our congrats!



This is the Spark Transmitter, in a close-up, which was owned by Col. Fred Elser, WCFB - and which was used at SAFCC in January, 1972. The rotary nap had been rebuilt and we were afraid to spin it for fear the thing would fall to piece, but it put out a fine signal and a very satisfactory amount of ozone. The Special license issued by the FCC is to the right, and was signed by Prose Walker.

Q. C. W. A.

Box 394

MAMARONECK, NY 10543

QCWA NETS:

Weds: 7035kHz 8PM East Time

7045kHz Alternate

W2JBL NCS, W9CV Alt.

Suns: 21445kHz 2100Z

W2SF NCS, W2AIM Alt East

W6FQ Alt. West

21342kHz, Alt Freq

KP4CH NCS

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